(a) whether Government have undertaken any exercise to find out the difficulties being faced by the Co-operative societies of the Agro and Rural Industries in the country during the last five years;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any corrective steps and remedial measures based on the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA) : (a) to (c) Looking into the problems of Khadi and Village Industries Sector, the Government of India on 13-5-2001, announced a package with the objectives of creating more jobs in rural areas and empowering the women and backward classes. The package comprises a rebate policy for five years. options of Rebate and market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to the Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development, focus on core areas and provision of additional working capital.

Losses by KVIC

†2580. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that KVIC has been incurring losses for the last few years;

(b) if so, the amount of losses it suffered during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the amount allocated to the Commission by Government during each of the above said years and in what form?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is not a commercial organisation. However, in the course of its

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promotional activities, the KVIC is undertaking some trading activities for the marketing of Khadi and Village Industries products. The losses incurred in the Trading operations for the last 3 years are given below :—

Year	Amount
1998-1999	Rs. 1.60 crores
1999-2000	Rs. 2.74 crores
2000-2001	Rs. 1.86 crores

(c) The funds released to the KVIC by the Government under various heads during the last three years is given in the Statement.

Statement

FUNDS RELEASED TO KVIC DURING LAST THREE YEARS

(Rupees in lakhs)

S. No.	Sub-Head	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
	Plan			
1.	Khadi Grant	15960	9470	10500
2.	Khadi Loan	2098	1500	675
3.	V. I. Grant	8400	5400	1350
4.	V. I. Loan	900	250	—
5.	S&T (Khadi)	30	—	28
6.	S & T (V. I.)	170	70	195
9.	REGP	4665	1103	11000
	Sub-Total	**32223**	**17793**	**23748**
	Non-Plan			
10.	Khadi Grant	2400	2400	2400
11.	Admn. Expenditure	2560	2410	2410
12.	HBA Loan	30	30	150
	Sub Total	**4990**	**4840**	**4950**
	Grand Total	**37213**	**22633**	**28708**